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Cat rescue team at Navy base placed about 70 in '17

AWW: The kittens pictured above are just some of those available for adoption through Cat Team 7, which catches, spays and neuters feral cats at Naval Station Norfolk.

By Courtney Mabeus
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK

A SPECIAL team working on Naval Station Norfolk predicts it may accomplish a tricky mission in 2018.

Cat Team 7 began trapping a community of feral felines on the base in 2016. Unlike other Navy teams, its mission has been no secret: corral the creatures, spay and neuter them, and send each off to a forever home.

The team partnered with the base, animal rescue volunteers and the Norfolk Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to rescue about 60 cats and kittens in its first year, Caitlyn McIntosh, team coordinator, said. The team rescued about 70, including 20 feral cats and about 50 kittens and friendly felines, in 2017, she said.

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Norfolk schools face some hard choices about enrollment

Division's options include changes to Lake Taylor

By Matt McKinney
The Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK

The school division has a challenge on its hands. Enrollment at some schools is plummeting, while creeping upward elsewhere. Meanwhile, more buildings are aging out of their useful lifespan, without enough money expected to be available to renovate or replace all of them anytime soon, officials say.

In response, division leadership and the School Board have been working with a consulting firm on a plan to make the most of limited resources. Over the next few months, the board will begin to make decisions on how to move forward.

"Our purpose now is dealing with some excess capac-

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partly cloudy

High near 30.
Low in the 20s.

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Warning for would-be bank robbers: They'll know where you are.

new way

More than 7,000 law enforcement agencies have been trained in how to use trackers sold by 3SI Security Systems, according to the company. They work much like GPS units in cars or on smartphones.

old way

For decades, banks have used exploding dye packs to help thwart robberies. One problem, once the dye pack goes off, criminals often drop the cash.

By Scott Daugherty
The Virginian-Pilot

MARQUIS Buckley walked into a Virginia Beach bank branch on a Friday evening in October wearing a wig, sunglasses and a white lab coat, authorities say. Holding a real gun and a fake bomb, he demanded money from a teller and made off with a bag full of cash, according to court documents.

By his own admission, it was at least his eighth armed robbery.

But thanks to a small piece of electronics slipped into his sack, it could be his last for the foreseeable future. The kind of GPS-enabled tracking device that led to Buckley's arrest is helping authorities catch other robbers – and helping banks get their money back.

Buckley, 40, is awaiting trial in U.S. District Court in Norfolk on one felony count. Additional charges are possible.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Wil-

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> "Every bank wants to use the most sophisticated types of instruments they can to either prevent a robbery or catch a robber."
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> *James Chessen, official with a bank security group*

Sorry.

2017's weirdest apologies that didn't involve harassment.

THE DAILY BREAK

Answers to Monday's big crossword puzzle. *Page 6*

IRS CLARIFIES RULES ON PROPERTY TAXES

Taxpayers can prepay their 2018 property taxes only under certain conditions and if they make payment before Monday. **BUSINESS, PAGE 10**

Today's double feature: Virginia, Va. Tech bowl games.
Sports

Trump team plans to cast Flynn as a liar if he accuses president, aides of wrongdoing

That would signal break from sympathetic Trump comments

By Carol D. Leonnig
The Washington Post

Michael Flynn is the most senior former Trump adviser known to be providing information to the team investigating possible collusion between the Trump team and Russia.

President Donald Trump's legal team plans to cast former national security adviser Michael Flynn as a liar seeking to protect himself if he accuses the president or his senior aides of any wrongdoing, according to three people familiar with the strategy.

The approach would mark a sharp break from Trump's previously sympathetic comments about Flynn, whom he called a "wonderful man" when Flynn left the White House in February. Earlier this month, the president did not rule out a possible pardon for Flynn, who is coop-

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